

Hewlett-Packard Company
Intellectual Property Administration
P.O. Box 272400
Fort Collins, CO 80527-2400

PATENT APPLICATION
HP Ref. 10013820-1



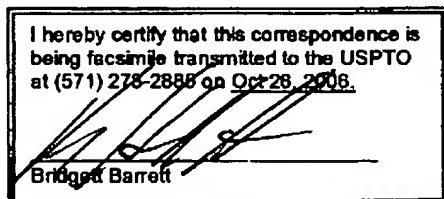
In the
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Inventor(s): Gregory E. Perkins et al. **Confirmation No.:** 1209
Serial No.: 10/085,971 **Examiner:** Dohm Chankong
Filing Date: Feb 27, 2002 **Group Art Unit:** 2152
Title: Data Access in a Distributed Environment


Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed October 10, 2006, Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.



Respectfully submitted,
Gregory E. Perkins et al.


Larry D. Baker, Reg. No. 39,593
Phone No. (360) 212-0769
Fax No. (360) 212-3060